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Renato CARETTA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1733  
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Application No.: 09/885,092 ) Examiner: J. Fischer  
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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING ) Confirmation No.: 3921  
A TYRE FOR A VEHICLE WHEEL )

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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination in the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed foreign patent document is attached. Copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

U.S. 4,248,287 (Christman) was provided to the Examiner with the Information Disclosure Statement filed in this application on June 21, 2001. However, this patent was inadvertently referred to as U.S. 4,428,287 on the Form PTO 1449. Christman is re-submitted so that it is correctly identified on the Information Disclosure Citation form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language document.

1. FR 384,231 The relevance of this document is discussed on page 5 of the specification of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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		US-6,623,584	09-23-2003	Caretta	
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**Note: Copies of the U.S. Patent Documents are not Required in IDS filed after October 21, 2004**

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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